

#### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for recovering an authorization code which is assigned to a licensee by a licensor and is stored in an access-protected data processing device that is connected to a computer of said licensee via an interface. A backup file which is part of the authorization code and contains the license parameters is stored on the licensee's computer. The license parameters associated with the licensor are read out of the backup file, the license parameters are sent to the respective licensor, authorization codes corresponding to the received license parameters are recovered at the level of the licensor, the recovered authorization code is then returned to the licensee's computer, and the recovered authorization codes are stored in the data processing device connected to the licensee's computer.